TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1104.

THURSDAY, THE 6TH DECEMBER, 1928/
21st VRISCHIKAM, 1104.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

The Council met at eleven thirty-five of the Clock, with the President in the chair.

All the members except Mr. K. C. Karunakaran, Mrs. Elizabeth Kuruvila, Mr. N. R. Krishnan and Mr. K. Madhavan were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Public Health in Karunagapalli Taluk.

99. **MR. G. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the various dangerous diseases that are prevalent in the Karunagapalli taluk;

(*b*) the steps taken by the Sanitary or the Medical Department for the prevention of diseases and improvement of health and sanitation in that taluk for the last three years (1101-1103)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) It is reported that leprosy and hookworm are the diseases that are chiefly prevalent in the taluk.

(*b*) Injection treatment for leprosy is carried on in the dispensaries at Karunagapalli and Chavara and the pauper lepers who are a public nuisance are compulsorily sent to the Leper Asylum at Trivandrum. The recommendation received from the Administrative Board, Medical Services, for the formation of a leper settlement in the Koduman pakuthi is under the consideration of the Government. Remedial measures for hookworm disease will be taken with the advice of the officer of the Rockefeller Foundation for whose services an application has been made to the Foundation by the Government. Special sanitary arrangements are made by the department during festivals and fairs in the different parts of the taluk. Conservancy arrangements are also made at the headquarters of the taluk.

Poramboke cases in Ambalapuzha Taluk.

100. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of poramboke cases taken and inquired into in the taluk of Ambalapuzha in the years 1102 and 1103;

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[Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar.]

(*b*) the number of these encroachments that were on existing water-ways and canals used for traffic and irrigation purposes;

(*c*) the number of these cases that were ordered to be restored; and

(*d*) the number ordered to be registered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 343 cases in 1102 and 104 cases in 1103.

(*b*) 241.

(*c*) 151.

(*d*) 65.

Qualifications for obtaining free supply of Government publications.

101. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): If the Government have prescribed any qualifications for a newspaper in order to deserve a free supply of Government publications, will they be pleased to state what they are?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A copy of the G. O.* containing the information is laid on the table.

Policy adopted in the free supply of Government publications to newspapers.

102. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the principle followed in the matter of providing the newspapers with their publications free of cost?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 101.

Free supply of Government publications to Travancore Newspapers.

103. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether all the newspapers in Travancore are being supplied free with Government publications; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons for the differential treatment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) The rules regulating the free supply of Government publications to newspapers are contained in G. O. R. Dis. No. 279 of 23/Legis., dated the 2nd August 1923, copy of which has already been laid on the table.

Water scarcity in Shencotta Town.

104. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has ever been brought to their notice that the people of Shencotta town and suburbs are put to great difficulty on account of scarcity of water;

(*b*) if so, the steps that have been taken to remedy the drawbacks?

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